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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

1. MCINTOSH LUNCHEON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MAES, BOTH DIRECTORS
GENERAL FRENCH AND FLEMISH CULTURAL MINISTERS, RINZLER AND
LEMPEREUR VERY PRODUCTIVE. DECISIONS MADE:

A. HUBERT BOONE, FOLK MUSIC INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST, ROYAL
CONSERVATORY, TO REPLACE PROFESSOR TOP AS FLEMISH FIELDWORKER-
PRESENTER. BOONE ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED BY PINON, HIGHLY QUALIFIED.

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO MEET NOVEMBER 3RD AND
REVIEW FIELD SUGGESTIONS FROM BOONE AND LEMPEREUR. AMBASSADOR
MAES, CHAIRMAN; MEMBERS: LEMPEREUR, BOONE AND TWO CULTURAL MINISTERS.

C. COMPLETE PARTICIPANTLIST AND PHOTOS TO S.I. BY JANUARY
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D. BALANCE OF FLEMISH AND WALLOON TO BE DETERMINED BY COM-
MITTEE ON BASIS OF QUALITY OF MATERIAL SELECTED BY FIELDWORKERS
RATHER THAN ON POLITICAL BASIS.

E. DIE ROOSELAER NOT INVOLVED IN FAF.

F. JULY 18-AUGUST 15 DATES REQUESTED TO BE SET FOR
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G. PRE-DEPARTURE PERFORMANCE FOR TROUP ARRANGED FOR AMERICAN LIBRARY, BRUSSELS.

2. PROBLEMS:

A. MANY PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE ONLY THREE WEEKS VACATION. IF FIELD INQUIRY INDICATES QUALITY OF TOUR GROUP TO BE AFFECTED BY TIME FACTOR, WILL S.I. CONSIDER SHORTER TOUR ALLOWING TOTAL ABSENCE FROM BELGIUM THREE WEEKS?

B. IF NETHERLANDS FALLS THROUGH, AND/OR TOUR SHORTENED, CAN BELGIAN GROUP BE INCREASED TO TWENTY? AT LEAST EIGHTEEN? PLEASE REPLY TO MCINTOSH RE THESE MATTERS ASAP TO PASS TO MAES.

3. TOUR CONTACT SUGGESTED: DOLORES BULTINCK, CTR. FOR BELGIAN CULTURE OF WEST ILLINOIS, INC., 1714 SEVENTH ST., MOLINE, ILL. 61265. CITIES SUGGESTED: DETROIT, MOLINE, CHICAGO, PITTSBURGH, OTHER WISCONSIN CITIES.

4. MEETING WITH LEMPEREUR-BOONE TODAY. ARRIVING LUXEMBOURG DAY EARLY TO ALLOW EXTRA TIME LONDON. RENNER

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